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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (016579): Establishes that photographic evidence of a fatal motor vehicle accident that depicts any deceased victim, rather than only minor victims, must be treated as confidential and not open to public inspection. Specifies that photographic evidence depicting the remains of a deceased minor is confidential and not open for inspection by members of the public. Provides that the estate of a deceased person or the custodial parent or legal guardian of a deceased minor may waive confidentiality and allow the deceased person's photograph to be used and obtained in the same manner as other public records.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-504(aa):
 - Photographic evidence of a fatal motor vehicle accident that depicts a deceased minor victim at the scene of the accident shall be treated as confidential and not open for inspection by members of the public.
 - The custodial parent or legal guardian of the deceased minor victim may waive confidentiality and allow the minor victim's photograph to be used and obtained in the same manner as other public records.
- Expanding the confidentiality of photographic evidence of fatal motor vehicle accidents to include those that depict any deceased victim will not significantly impact state or local government operations or result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- The proposed legislation would also expand current statute to provide that photographic evidence depicting the remains of any deceased minor shall be treated as confidential and not open for public inspection and would authorize the estate of a deceased person or the custodial parent or legal guardian of a minor to waive confidentiality.
- Requiring such information to be treated as confidential and authorizing certain entities to waive confidentiality will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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